

REMARKS

Applicant has amended the claims in order to address the Examiner's objections to certain claims (page 3 of the Office Action) and rejections of certain claims (page 4-5 of the Office Action). Applicant also added several new claims (43-46) to retain coverage for "competing molecules" embodiments following the amendments made to claims 6, 18 and 20. Support for the claim amendments and new claims is found in the claims as filed. No new matter has been added.

Priority Claim

The Examiner is correct in noting the differences in the country of the priority document and the declaration. Applicant submits herewith an Application Data Sheet to confirm that the priority claim is based on Russian application RU 98116346.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant thanks the Examiner for considering the references cited in the search report. In order to have the references listed on any patent issuing from this application, Applicant has submitted herewith a PTO-1449 list of references. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the PTO-1449 to indicate consideration of the references.

Objection to the Specification

The Examiner objected to claims 8, 28, 29 and 37 for certain informalities. Applicant has amended the claims accordingly and respectfully requests withdrawal of the objections.

Rejection of the Claims Under 37 U.S.C. 112, Second Paragraph

The Examiner rejected claims 1-36 under 37 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph for the use of certain terms in claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 15, 18, 20 and 21. Applicant has amended the claims as noted above to correct the claims in order to overcome the rejections. In addition, new claims 43-46 (numbering based on claims as originally filed with the PCT application of which this is a

US national stage application under 35 U.S.C. 371) were added to retain coverage of “competing molecules” embodiments in claims 6, 18 and 20.

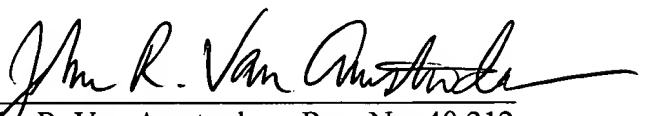
As a result of the claim amendments, Applicant believes that all of the rejections have been overcome and accordingly requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections made under 37 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application should now be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicant’s attorney at the telephone number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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